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SUBJ: LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE: AFGHAN VIEWS

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1. ON AUGUST 17, AN EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED WITH MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF THE REFTEL. MAROOFI WAS NONCOMMITTAL ABOUT WHAT POSITION THE AFGHAN DELEGATION MIGHT TAKE IF THE ZIONISM ISSUE WERE RAISED AT THE CONFERENCE, BUT OBSERVED, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT ISRAEL'S RECENT MOVES TO INCREASE ITS DOMESTIC AUTHORITY IN THE CONQUERED TERRITORIES WOULD ONLY FORCE THE ARABS TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES THEY COULD TO DEFEND THE PALESTINIANS AGAINST SUCH ILLEGAL ENCROACHMENTS.

2. COMMENT: SHOULD ANY URGENT FOLLOW-UP ACTION WITH THE AFGHANS PROVE TO BE NECESSARY, THE EMBASSY
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SUGGESTS THAT AFGHAN DELEGATION CHIEF GHAFOURZAI BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY AT THE CONFERENCE. BECAUSE OF THE CHANCY COMMUNICATIONS LINKS BETWEEN KABUL AND LAGOS, THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONVEY VIEWS TO ITS DELEGATION ON A TIMELY BASIS ONCE THE CONFERENCE BEGINS. JUDGING FROM THEIR PAST RECORD OF VOTING IN INTERNATIONAL

MEETINGS, HOWEVER, THE AFGHANS ARE HIGHLY UNLIKELY
TO WITHHOLD SUPPORT FROM THEIR BROTHER MUSLIM
STATES IF A CLEAR MAJORITY OF THE LATTER APPEAR
TO BE SUFFICIENTLY UNITED ON A CERTAIN ISSUE.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THERE WERE A DIVISION WITHIN
MUSLIM RANKS ON AN ISSUE OF THIS TYPE, THE AFGHANS
MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER AN ABSTENTION. END
COMMENT.
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